

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. BA 2307

Magi No. 0323075304

DOE ☒ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MILLER'S COTTAGE: SHIPLEY'S MILL

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 13025 Beaver Dam Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Texas vicinity ☐ vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Maryland county Baltimore County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Charles T. Kemp, III, et al.

street & number 4310 Mt. Carmel Road telephone no.: 374-4216

city, town Upperco state and zip code Maryland 21155

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber 5614

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 211

city, town Towson state Maryland 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Not previously studied or listed.

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

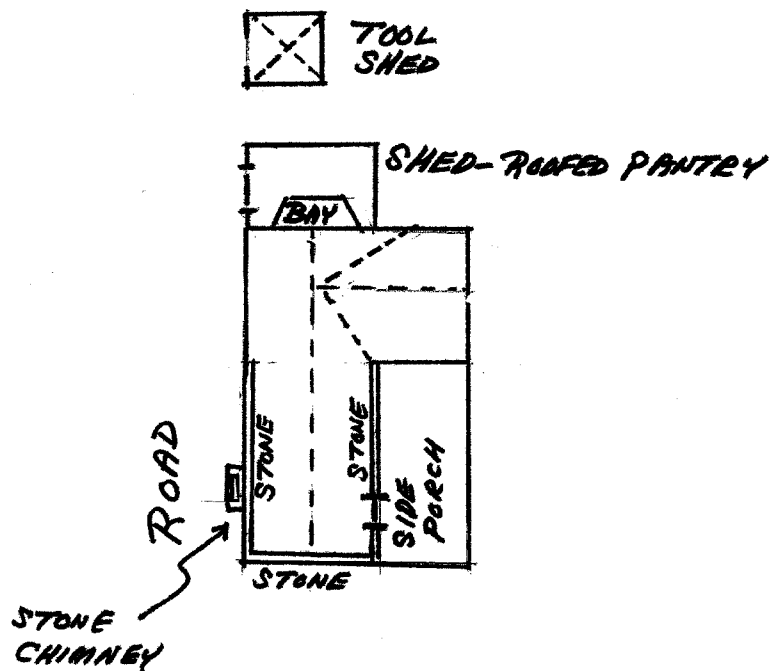
SUMMARY

The miller's cottage presents the appearance of an early 20th century vernacular style dwelling, L-shaped in plan, but it is actually the expansion of a primitive stone and log house that is probably the miller's dwelling offered for sale in 1825 in the Baltimore papers. The house is mostly shingle covered except for three stone surfaces. Even the primitive stone part was heavily altered by changes in the window layout early in the 20th century.

The miller's cottage is L-shaped but has been expanded from an original two-story house of log and stone that probably stood by at least 1825. The old stone core has a sturdy outside chimney of field-stone. The house is now covered with shingles except for three of the stone surfaces. A low porch with a shed roof and square posts is set in the angle of the L, only one step above grade. Most windows are 6-over-6 double-hung sash types. Until 1914, the structure was small and primitive. Its modest additions still result in a vernacular style dwelling built with the materials of that time. The north end farthest from the stone portion, terminates in a shed-roofed one-story pantry addition with German siding. The north end of the second story terminates in a three-sided bay with double-hung sash windows. The eave returns are heavy.

Dimensions in the 1918 tax ledger were 41 by 16 feet, the house valued at \$400. Thus, the two-bay-wide wing must postdate that assessment.

North of the house in the kitchen yard is a square, hip-roofed tool shed with sides of primitive wooden slabs. The door contains a number of small square window lights.



8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1798-1825 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☒ B ☒ C ☒ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SUMMARY

The miller's cottage of Shipley's Mill is a vernacular structure expanded from a one-story stone core. It is certainly the miller's cottage, distinct from the owner's dwelling, that was advertised in 1825. It is an example of a plain stone house that has been expanded into a long, L-shaped structure in frame and shingle with a few elegant touches, for example, a second-story three-sided bay, and a broad, sheltered side porch.

Shipley's Mill, actually built in 1791 by James Edwards, had no stone dwellings nearby in the 1798 tax list. The first mention of a separate dwelling for the miller occurred in 1825 when the trustees of Thomas Long advertised the property for sale in the city papers. (1) Thus, the stone core of this house could have been built anytime in the first quarter of the 19th century.

Charles Jessop acquired the mill in 1827, left it to his son-in-law, Levi Merryman, and the Merryman executors sold to John Franklin Shipley in April 1859. (2) Shipley kept the mill, and two surrounding acres when he sold most of the farm to his son, Vincent T. Shipley in August 1859. (3) When the property was advertised in the Towson papers in 1878, the only habitation on the two-acre mill parcel was merely described as "an old dwelling." (4)

Family historian L. Parks Shipley only provided one paragraph about the small house:

In addition to the mill building, there was an ancient house that was provided for the miller. When I was a boy a Mr. Smith lived in the "mill house." His daughter Mary was about the same age as my father's little sister Dora and me, so we played around the mill a great deal. There was an older girl, Nora, too. They were very nice people. Mr. Smith had at one time operated the mill for

my grandfather, but I do not know what he did after the mill was shut down. (5)

The structure was described as "four-room weatherboarded house" with all necessary outbuildings, good water and a good garden" when advertised in a 1904 mortgage proceeding. (6)

The last Shipley sold to Henry Bishop in 1914. (7) The house appears on a sales plat made that year. (8) The 1918 tax ledger listed Henry Bishop's mill tract with a two-story dwelling 41 by 16 feet, assessed at \$400. (9)

Mrs. Evelyn Bishop Fisher in 1983 recalled the miller's cottage, noting that it was built in two segments. There was no cellar under that part of the house and the log floor joists were laid right on the ground. The windows were 18 by 24 inches, so small that you had to sit down to look out. The new owners had these impractical window openings enlarged.

There was a log section on top of the stone part; straight stairs—open stairs attached to the inside wall. The stair treads were open and could be pulled out of their slots just like the stair treads in a typical mill.

There was an old two-story frame house tacked onto the older stone and log nucleus. That wing was there when the Bishops acquired it. But there was no communication between the two segments of the dwelling. (10)

This hodge-podge of a house was described as a "three-bedroom colonial" when advertised in the County paper in 1981. (11)

NOTES:

1. Baltimore American, May 16, 1825.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 25:236.
3. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 26:314.
4. Baltimore Sun, May 30, 1978, p. 2.
5. Linwood Parks Shipley, We Shipleys (Summit, New Jersey, 1980), p. 33.
6. B.C. Judicial Records, WPC 204:282.
7. B.C. Deeds, WPC 430:152.
8. B.C. Plats, WPC 4:122.
9. District 8 Tax Ledger (1918), f. 24.
10. Evelyn Bishop Fisher to John McGrain, interview, October 1983.
11. Jeffersonian, September 24, 1981.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Linwood Parks Shipley, We Shipleys (Summit, New Jersey, 1980).
Privately printed.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 142.7Quadrangle name CockeysvilleQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Tax Map 51, Parcel P7

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title John W. McGrainorganization Office of Planning and Zoning date May 15, 1986street & number 401 Bosley Avenue telephone 494-3521city or town Towson state Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MILLER'S HOUSE: SHIPLEY'S MILL
BA 2307
B.C. PHOTOGRAMMETRIC MAP
SHEET 17-C-NW

No. 13030

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BA 276

13030



MILLER'S HOUSE: SHIPLEY'S MILL
BA 2307
U.S.G.S. 7.5 MINUTE QUAD
COCKEYSVILLE, MD





MILLER'S COTTAGE: SHIPLEY'S MILL
Baltimore Co., Md. BA 2307
J. McGrain, May, 1986
Neg. located at OPZ, Towson
East side from SE



MILLER'S COTTAGE: SHIPLEY'S MILL
Baltimore Co., Md. BA 2307
J. McGrain, April 1972
Neg. loc. in photgr's collection
SOUTH END from SE